

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1528

Introduced by Assembly Member Cohn

February 21, 2003

An act relating to health care coverage.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1528, as introduced, Cohn. Healthy California Act of 2003.

Existing law provides health care coverage programs to segments of the population meeting specified criteria who are otherwise unable to obtain health care coverage.

This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact the Healthy California Act of 2003 to ensure access to health care coverage for all Californians.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact the
- 2 Healthy California Act of 2003 in order to ensure access to health
- 3 care coverage for all Californians by all of the following:
- 4 (a) Enacting a standard uniform benefit package that is
- 5 universally available without barriers through health care service
- 6 plans and health insurers.
- 7 (b) Requiring individual responsibility and accountability to
- 8 secure and maintain health care coverage.
- 9 (c) Ensuring that all persons eligible for Medi-Cal, the Healthy
- 10 Families Program, or other governmental health care coverage or

1 assistance are enrolled in the specific program and receive the
2 services to which they are entitled.

3 (d) Requiring universal employer participation.

4 (e) Providing public support, in varying degrees, for all
5 persons, through tax policies, subsidies, and sponsorships.

6 (f) It is the goal of this act to achieve the maximum feasible
7 enrollment of Californians in health plans that offer, at a minimum,
8 a standard uniform benefit package to all individuals.

